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BUILDING UP ALMA

A man said to the editor the other day, "Alma will be a real city before long," and then he added as an afterthought, "But you guys have got to wake up and do something for yourselves." Many times people have expressed the same belief that Alma is destined to be a real city. We have faith that it is, but our friend was right when he said, "You guys have got to wake up and do something for yourselves."

Alma has made the greatest growth of any city in Michigan during the past ten years but that has been due to the efforts of a few men concentrated upon the truck industry. The rest of the city has not kept pace with the manufacturing end of it. We have not fully grasped our big opportunity which lies in the building of the city itself. Industry is absolutely necessary to growth and development, but it is just as essential that we should provide comfortable and sanitary living conditions for those who labor.

Provision should be made for the future growth and development of the city and the plans for that should be made in a big way. We need co-operation in our efforts, that all plans may be made in harmony, and that we may all boost not only for ourselves but for our neighbors.

The Alma Board of Trade has accomplished a very great deal, much more than the average institution of its kind, and the members of it have given thousands of dollars worth of time to it, free of charge, but our problems have become so numerous and varied that they require the time and attention of a secretary who shall devote all his time and attention to city building, and who is trained for the work.

But even a paid secretary of the Board of Trade cannot push development unless there is hearty co-operation, and the greater the co-operation the greater success will be attained. To build the city and make it a desirable place to live in, we must work together.

We should co-operate to make our schools the best possible; our churches should be attended and loyally supported because of their uplifting influence; the city commission and city manager should be assisted in every way possible; and our business institutions should be encouraged and supported.

You cannot help the home barber by sending your face to Saginaw to have it shaved; you can't help the home cobbler by sending your shoes to Grand Rapids, to have them half-soled; you can't help the home merchant by purchasing your socks of Sears and Sawback. In other words if you live in Alma and want to see it grow, you should be willing to patronize home industry, and if you are not, your relation to the town is purely selfish and you are not co-operating toward building up the city. Every dollar sent out of town that could be spent here just as well, helps build up some other town at the expense of Alma, and we should keep in mind also that outside people solicit Alma business continually, often at cut rates in order to keep their home towns growing, to the detriment of Alma. If we are going to build Alma into a "city beautiful," we must boost, all the time.

STAND BY YOUR HOME TOWN

If you like your home town best,

Just say so!

If you'd have her lead the rest,

Help her grow!

When there's anything to do

Let the fellows count on you;

You'll feel bully when it's through

Don't you know?

If you want to make a hit,

Get a name!

If the other fellow's it,

Who's to blame?

Spend your money in the town

Where you pull the shekels down;

Give the mail concern a frown—

That's the game!

If you're used to giving knocks,

Change your style!

Throw bouquets instead of rocks

For a while!

Let the other fellow roast;

Shun him as you would a ghost;

Meet his hammer with a boast

And a smile!

When a stranger from afar

Comes along,

Tell him who and what we are—

Make it strong.

Needn't flatter, never bluff,

Tell the truth, for that's enough.

Join the boosters—they're the stuff—

We belong—

By Whit Weatherby

CAMPAIGN FUNDS

For several weeks, newspapers have devoted much attention to the charges made by Gov. Cox that the Republicans were raising a campaign fund of from fifteen to thirty million dollars for the purpose of buying the presidency and debauching the electorate. Much front page space has been devoted to that topic. It has been pretty generally agreed that if those charges were true, that the Republican leaders should be condemned in the severest terms and should be given punishment adequate to such a crime. No honest man, regardless of political affiliation, could give his sanction to a procedure which meant the wholesale debauching of the electorate as charged by Gov. Cox.

The Senate very promptly started an investigation of these charges by a non-partisan committee composed of Democrats and Republicans. That committee went thoroughly into the matter, summoned many witnesses, heard the testimony of Chairman White of the Democratic party, and Ed. Moore, the special representative of Gov. Cox, also the testimony of Will Hayes, Republican chairman, and Fred Upham, Republican treasurer, and the books of the Republican national committee were cheerfully submitted to examination. Every effort was made to find the truth, with the result that the charges of Mr. Cox were proven false in every particular. The findings of the investigating committee entirely exonerated the Republican leaders of the charge of raising a "Slush Fund," as charged by Gov. Cox.

The Record refrained from commenting upon this matter until the investigation was ended, because in no case will it sanction dishonesty or crookedness knowingly.

It is agreed among the best informed people of the country and maintained by the best newspapers and periodicals that the Cox charges have fallen flat, and there can be no question that Gov. Cox stands condemned before the honest thinking public of resorting to a mud-throwing campaign that is entirely unworthy of a presidential candidate, and can be classified only as ward-heeler politics. A man who would make such extravagant charges and be unable to prove them would not be a safe man in the presidential chair no matter whether he were a Republican or a Democrat.

We have great questions to settle. Our country is facing a great crisis. Our very constitution is in danger. For that reason presidential candidates should be devoting their time to discussion of our important problems and not to mud-slinging or barn-storming. If ever there was a time when we needed a big broad-gauged man for president, and needed the counsel of the best informed men of the country, it is now. The office of President of the United States is the most important office in the world today, and it should be filled by a dignified, thoughtful, honest man, who will not resort to trickery or base methods and who will gather around him big men to discuss and settle our big problems. The election of a president is not a question of politics, it is a question of national welfare and as such vitally concerns every citizen.

SOME SOUND SENSE

C. F. Hainline, one of the many level headed farmers of Gratiot county, has handed the Record an excerpt from his home paper which furnishes some food for thought upon the question of campaign expenses.

The article was written by Arthur Brisbane, editor of the Hearst papers and shows an angle of the question that will appeal to all thoughtful men as it did to Mr. Hainline.

It reads in part as follows:
"Figures are interesting. When you say fifteen million dollars rapidly it seems a lot of money, and is a lot of money."

"Democrats say the Republicans, wicked people, wanted to raise a campaign fund of fifteen millions. Too bad, very bad."

"What have Democrats in office to say to these figures?"

"Fifteen million dollars would be fifteen cents for each inhabitant of the United States. Every time you Democrats in office allowed the sugar thieves to sell a pound of sugar for twenty-five cents, you allowed them to steal fifteen cents from the public. Every time an American bought a pound of sugar for twenty-five cents he was robbed of fifteen cents. Don't you think it would pay him to contribute fifteen cents once to get rid of the kind of government that allows the vilest kind of profiteering to survive the war, and steal fifteen cents for every pound of sugar?"

"When the Democrats get through saying what they think about Mr. Harding's campaign fund, interesting imaginary thinking, perhaps they will tell exactly why they have done nothing about their friends, the profiteers, that began by stealing a thousand million dollars through the aircraft board and have kept it up ever since in every direction."

COMMUNICATION

Alma, Mich., Sept. 28, 1920.

Mr. Editor, please allow me a small place in your valuable paper. Mellon and chicken thieves.

There seems to be among mellon and chicken thieves a general opinion that to take mellons or chickens is not stealing but merely slipping things. One had as well go to another's cash draw and slip a dollar as to go to one's mellon patch or chicken house and slip a dollar's worth of either. They cost money and labor.

Last spring there came to our chicken house and premises some chicken thieves and stole about a dozen of our finest hens. This meant about \$25.00 loss and during this mellon season the thieves have taken from our mellon patch between \$25.00 and \$50.00 worth of mellons.

On last Saturday, the 25th of this month three boys with two boats were seen in the act of stealing mellons on the Washburn farm along the shores of Pine river. The boys were not caught but their boats were captured. These boats are now on dry dock. These boats may be had by the boys, if they own them, by coming up and identifying themselves or if they have borrowed or rented them from other parties, the parties from which they borrowed or rented them must identify the boys before they can get them.

Now this pilfering must be stopped and there are only two resorts. First, if the parties are known they will be prosecuted.

If unknown and are men the shot-gua. John D. Dooley

BETTER THAN A COLLEGE

Albert Bently, a Chicago millionaire, when he walked into a recruiting office near his summer home at Epworth, Michigan, some days ago, with his son, Albert D., said, "I'd rather have my boy enlist for three years in the United States Army than attend a college."

Young Bently had been reading about the army schools at Camp Grant, Illinois, and his father became interested. Accordingly the boy is now enlisted in the 51st Infantry for three years, so that he can take a complete course in vocational and general education. This school opens October 1.

Private Charles Barbrick of Coopersville, Michigan, enlisted for a two-fold purpose, to learn the automotive business, and secure instruction that he may become a wrestler.

One of the boys who enlisted from Gratiot county this month, Clare Bush, R. F. D. St. Louis, writes that he is having a fine time and advises his pals to follow his example.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, who so kindly assisted us during the death of our father, for the comforting words of Rev. Poston, the singers, and for the beautiful floral offerings. Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett, John Weir and family.

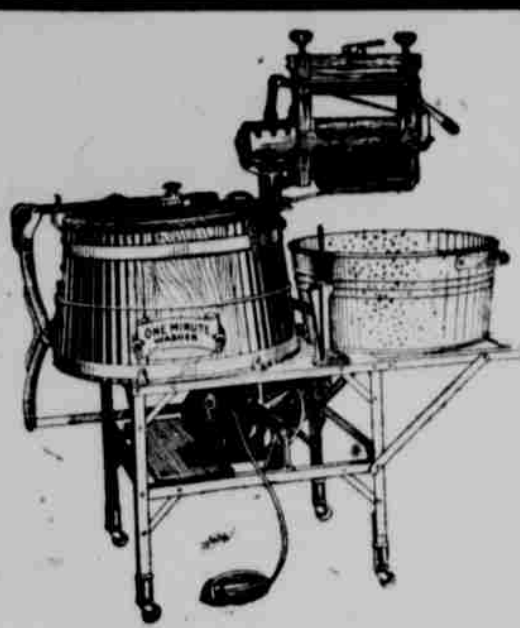
A Grateful Letter

It is in trying conditions like that related below by Mrs. Geo. L. North of Naples, N. Y., that proves the worth of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. "Two years ago last summer," she says, "our little boy had dysentery. At that time we were living in the country eight miles from a doctor. Our son was taken ill suddenly and was about the sickest child I ever saw. He was in terrible pain all the time and passed from one convulsion into another. I sent my husband for the doctor and after he was gone thought of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the cupboard. I gave some of it and he began to improve at once. By the time the doctor arrived he was out of danger."—adv. 63-5v

Mrs. Keach Tells How She Got to Know Rat-Snap.

"Have always feared rats. Lately noticed many on my farm. A neighbor said he just got rid of droves with RAT-SNAP. This started me thinking. Tried RAT-SNAP myself. It killed 17 and scared the rest away." RAT-SNAP comes in three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by E. C. Clapp and C. Murphy.—adv.

GREAT CARLOAD SALE



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and Then Come
and See It!

Has no complicated working parts to get out of order.

So simple a child can operate it.

Washes the most delicate fabrics or finest woollens, carpets, spreads, etc., with positively no injury.

Combines all the advantages of cylinder and oscillating types of machines with no cylinders to take out or clean and nothing to get out of order.

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Sale Price of Only
\$125.00

Save you \$10.00 on this sale—with special terms so easy to meet that no home needing an up-to-date washing machine can afford to let pass. Don't wash another time without this great labor saver that washes your clothes as white and clean as when new with so little effort that wash day will prove a pleasure rather than a drudge day when you can secure one on

Payments of
\$10 Cash
and \$10 Per Month

If you are having your washing done outside or having a wash woman to come into your home you can dispense with service of this kind and what you are now spending will pay for the machine you buy. When you purchase a One Minute Electric Washer at our sale price

**You Save \$25 to \$60 on the Price
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1 American Beauty Electric Iron, value \$10.00

1 Electric Toaster Stove, value \$7.00

1 Electric Student Desk Lamp, value \$5.75

1 Electric Fan, value \$7.50

FREE

DURING THIS SALE WE WILL GIVE A FREE TICKET TO BOTH THE LADY AND GENTLEMAN AT THE HEAD OF EACH HOUSEHOLD, WHO WILL COME IN PERSON TO OUR STORE AT ALMA, 207 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, AND ASK FOR A TICKET ON THE FIVE BIG PRIZES TO BE GIVEN FREE AT THE CLOSE OF OUR BIG DEMONSTRATION SALE OF "ONE MINUTE" ELECTRIC AND POWER WASHING MACHINES.

Sale to Last Till Oct. 16

This sale is for you but will last only a short time. The demand for the "One Minute" electric and power washers is great. Those living in rural districts will have the same opportunity to get a power washer free in place of the electric washer. You have been wanting an electric washer. This is your chance to buy the best in the model you want and at the same time have five chances of getting one of the valuable presents.

**Don't Forget the Day--Prizes to Be
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